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Applicant: TADA)
Application No.: 09/879,580)
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Title: BLADE TENSIONER)
Group Art Unit: 3682)
Examiner: Justin Stefanon)

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to an Office Action dated September 12, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1 and 13 with the following amended claims 1 and 13:

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B1
- Q1
1. A blade tensioner for applying tension to a chain, the blade tensioner comprising:
a base having a sliding face;
a blade shoe having a first face and an opposing second face, the first face having a chain sliding face against which the chain is slidable, a first blade shoe portion pivotably supported by the base, and a second blade

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